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### ABOUT ARCHITECTURE FOR REDD+ TRANSACTIONS (ART) PROGRAM

The Architecture for REDD+ Transactions (ART) has been developed to achieve the environmental integrity needed for REDD+ emission reductions (ERs) at national and jurisdictional scale. ART provides a credible standard and rigorous process to transparently register, verify, and issue REDD+ emission reduction credits that ensure environmental and social integrity. ART aims to unlock new long-term financial flows to protect and restore forests.

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The Secretariat of the Architecture for REDD+ Transactions provides the Board-approved Guidance for long-term monitoring, reporting and verification requirements, below, for Participants who wish to have credits deemed eligible for ICAO's CORSIA.

## 6. MONITORING

### 6.1 MONITORING AND REPORTING FREQUENCY

Following successful validation and verification of the initial TREES Registration Document and TREES Monitoring Report, TREES Participants shall monitor and submit a TREES Monitoring Report following calendar years 1, 3, and 5 of the crediting period. A TREES Participant may optionally submit a TREES Monitoring Report following years 2 and 4 of the crediting period as outlined in Section 14. The TREES Participant shall use the latest approved TREES Monitoring Report template available on the ART website.

For Participants that wish to have credits deemed eligible for ICAO's Carbon Offsetting Scheme for International Aviation (CORSIA), TREES requires that the Participant agree to monitor, report and verify under TREES for a minimum of four five-year crediting periods (20 years).

Subnational Participants who shift to be included in national level reporting at the end of 2030, do not need to report separately as long as the national government continues to report under TREES. If the national government chooses not to join ART by the end of 2030 or leaves ART at any time prior to the end of the Subnational Participant's 20-years, the Subnational Participant will be required to continue monitoring, reporting and verifying under TREES for the remainder of its 20-year period.